GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CANCELLATION OF PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Supreme Court has recently directed the Government to cancel some of the petrol pumps allotted between 2000 and 2003;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : A Committee comprising two retired Judges, appointed by the Supreme Court of India to enquire into certain selections made by the erstwhile Dealer Selection Boards, which were reported in the media during July-August, 2002, had submitted its report to the Court on 29.9.2004. The Committee had considered a total of 409 such cases of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships. In its interim order dated 19.7.2005, the Supreme Court of India has accepted the report of the Committee in respect of those 178 cases of dealerships/distributorships, out of the total cases examined by the Committee, in respect of which no objections have been filed against the Report of the Committee. The Court has further directed the oil companies to proceed on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee. These 178 cases include 72 cases in which the selection of dealers/distributors has not been upheld by the Committee. The public sector oil marketing companies have been asked to take necessary action as per Court orders.